

State Archives Offers Free Research Classes Throughout October

The Utah State Archives will observe "Utah Archives Month" in October with a series of free research classes on Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. Classes will be held in the courtyard meeting room of the State Archives building at 346 S. Rio Grande Street (455 West). Free parking is available in the lot immediately north of the Rio Grande Depot. For information, please contact the Glen Fairclough at 801-531-3841 or send email to gfairclough@utah.gov.

The October "Research at Noon" class schedule follows.

Wednesday, Oct. 3: Two-hour religious Archives panel discussion presented by the Rev. Dr. Frederick Quinn (Episcopal priest and author of *Building the Goodly Fellowship of Faith*, a history of the Episcopal Church in Utah), Frederick G. Burton (Presbytery of Utah Historian), Gary Topping (Archives Director, Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake), and Stan Larson (J. Willard Marriott Library Special Collections)

Friday, Oct. 5: "Discovering the Riches of the UDOT Photograph Collection," presented by Rosemary Cundiff (Utah State Archives)

Wednesday, Oct. 10: "The Utah Digital Newspapers Project: An Update," presented by John Herbert (project director; J. Willard Marriott Library)

Friday, Oct. 12: "Effectively Tapping into the Resources of Libraries and Historical Societies," presented by Barry J. Ewell (genealogist). "Digital Photography for the Genealogist," a second one-hour class taught by Ewell, will follow at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 17: "The People's Court: An Overview of Utah Court Records," presented by James Kichas (Utah State Archives) and Brandon Metcalf (Utah State Archives)

Friday, Oct. 19: "One-Stop Shopping at the Utah History Research Center: How the Combined Resources of the State Archives and State Historical Collections Can Facilitate Research (Using Topaz as an example)," presented by Tony Castro (Utah State Archives) and Greg Walz (Utah State History)

Wednesday, Oct. 24: "A Summary of the Western Digital Collection Library (including the Western Waters Digital Library [Utah Collections])," presented by Sandra McIntyre (J. Willard Marriott Library) and Susan Salem (J. Willard Marriott Library)

Friday, Oct. 26: "Using Maps in Research," presented by Rod Swaner (Utah State Archives)

Wednesday, Oct. 31: "Wake the Dead," family history research class, presented by Alan Barnett (Utah State Archives) and Doug Misner (Utah State History)

Tours of the archives building and demonstrations of the archives building's automated storage and retrieval system are also planned. The Utah History Research Center at the historic Rio Grande Depot is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., accommodating anyone who wishes to perform research before or after the brown bag lectures.

Utah Archives Month is an annual, month-long observance of the importance of archival and historical records to people's lives. A schedule of events statewide is posted on the Utah Archives Month web site, www.utaharchivesmonth.org.

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